

Comment
of the
day

JUST FIVE
MINUTES

HERE we are with one foot over the threshold of the New Year. Once again the greetings are over, the handshakes accompanied by good wishes while the ring that formed up to sing "Auld Lang Syne" is scattered all over the place. Time rolls on as it ever did and will until the morning of Eternity. It is we who mark the divisions. It is we who explode fire crackers, ring the bells, and make the ninth hideout with the drone of the bagpipes, as we greet the New Year. Time itself ignores our calendars and our arbitrary divisions. In slipping from 1960 to 1961, Saturday was much like Sunday and today very much like yesterday. In other words, if the future is to differ from the past, it is of no use relying upon Time. We must rely upon ourselves if this year is to be different from last year.

WE do not know if people do make resolutions now; perhaps the very young continue to keep a diary with determination for the first few days of January. Perhaps someone is making up his mind to work harder, to succeed in his job; to change his job. And perhaps older people are making sentimental vows to restate a resolution they failed to keep for a couple of decades or so. But let's face it, it needs more than a day scribbled off the calendar to change the circumstances of life. It needs more than a sentimental handshake "offered under the effect of a merry party to make us the kind of person we want to be."

If there was one universal gift we could ask, upon you and mankind in general, it would be five minutes of courage. And if during that five minutes, we would face up to the kind of person we really are, then the circumstances which have seemed too much for us, would change. For who are we? What are we really like? Not what others think we are, but the person we know ourselves to be. Five minutes of courage would enable us self-discovery.

FIVE minutes of courage would enable us to accomplish what we always wished to do. The reason most of us give for not doing anything is that we have no time; the cards are stacked against us; or it would be of no use. This applies to our relation with other people, an idea which placed upon a practical basis might change the world; a manuscript we are afraid will fail; the fear of looking a fool.

The world has always been the same, and the highlights of man's history is the story of people who dared, who had the courage to stake everything upon something they believed in. If it were not so, we should today be huddling in the skin of some animal in a draughty nook of a desolate cave. To say that all that has been accomplished is all that will be accomplished, is nonsense. The world has grown small, but that began when the first man scooped out a tree trunk and sailed across a mile of water. There is still the uncharted universe awaiting the explorer. Every book has been written. Nonsense! Even this year will see a book or two original in theme and style.

YET addressing ourselves to loved ones, it is while famine, disease, fear, distrust, and all the other scourges of mankind exist, there is a job to do. And maybe you could do it; or help do it; if you accepted the gift of five minutes of courage. So, in wishing you the traditional season's greeting of "A Happy New Year," we wish you what we wish ourselves. Kindness in the troubles of others; courage in our own. But, this above all: Five minutes of courage to dare that which we have previously been afraid to dare.

State Department's 'serious view' on intervention LAOS: 'HANDS OFF' WARNS U.S.

Move against volunteers aiding rebels

Washington, Jan. 1. The State Department announced yesterday that the United States would take "the most serious view" of any intervention in Laos by Chinese Communist or other forces. In a statement issued a few hours after President Eisenhower had consulted with his top diplomatic, military and intelligence advisers, the State Department described the situation in Laos as "grave."

READY TO RUSH IN TROOPS

New York, Jan. 1. Air transport units at several US Air Force bases were on the alert today with their big C-130 troop carriers reported ready to ferry troops to South-east Asia should the Laos situation require it. Military sources in San Francisco said an air transport unit at nearby Travis Air Force Base was on a "stepped-up preparedness" footing, ready to start an airlift.

REASON
Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, announcing its alert, said it was called "because of the world situation." A similar alert was ordered at Sewart Air Force Base near Nashville, Tennessee. The Shaw announcement said "the Tactical Air Command's C-130s are being repositioned for any eventuality." At Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, a spokesman for Tactical Air Command Headquarters said such alerts were part of a routine of keeping the bases on their toes.—Reuter.

PINK SHOCK

London, Jan. 1. Alcoholic New Year revellers got a shock last night in the West End. They saw a pink elephant lumbering down fashionable Park-lane, and the elephant was a real one, painted pink, on its way to a night club appearance.—Reuter.

53 INJURED IN WILD NAPLES CELEBRATION

Naples, Jan. 1. Fifty-three persons were injured by fireworks and the midnight crockery shower in Naples' celebration of New Year's Eve. Both the fireworks and the flinging of old pots, plates and bottles into the streets at midnight are illegal in Italy, but they still are a traditional part of this country's New Year's Eve celebration.

It said the U.S. was consulting allied governments following the reports of intervention in Laos from the outside. "Mindful of its obligations under the Sino-American Mutual Defense Treaty, the U.S. Government would take the most serious view of any intervention in Laos by the Chinese Communists or Vietnamese armed forces or others in support of the Communist Pathet Lao who are in rebellion against the Royal Lao Government," it said.

Knowledge
The statement was issued with President Eisenhower's full knowledge, the State Department spokesman, Mr. Joseph Reap, said. Mr. Reap said that reports of the invasion reaching the State Department were fragmentary.

Washington, Jan. 1. The United States today called for a meeting of the Security Council as early as possible to consider the situation in Laos. The State Department announced it has instructed Ambassador Alexis Johnson to seek a speedy meeting of the council at its headquarters in Bangkok. Members of the organization are: Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Britain, United States and Thailand.—Reuter.

but he said: "we are satisfied that they are non-Laotian forces." He said these forces were presumably entering Laos from North Vietnam, but he declined to make any further identification of them. "I am not in a position to describe the nationality, nor the number, nor the intentions of the forces," Mr. Reap said. But in answering questions he said that the size of the invasion force was "certainly much more than a handful."

Take note
Mr. Reap said that no formal note of warning was being sent to the Chinese Communists or others, but he added that the Department expected that they would take note of the announcement through Press reports.—Reuter.

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ESCAPE FROM FLAMES



KONG LE CLAIMS VICTORY

London, Jan. 1. Communist North Vietnam tonight claimed that left-wing forces led by Captain Kong Le had captured the whole of the vital Plain of Jars, in north central Laos, after "annihilating" two companies of right-wing troops. The Plain of Jars is due east of the area which the right-wing Laotian Government of Prince Boun Oum has said six battalions of North Vietnamese troops invaded on Friday. North Vietnam has denied any invasion. Foreign Minister for Information, Boudan Nongsang, told a Press conference last night that if the left-wingers took the plain, all the main cities in northern Laos—including the capital of Vientiane and the Royal seat of Luang Prabang—would be menaced. Tonight's North Vietnam announcement, a broadcast by Hanoi radio quoting the Pathet Lao radio, said Kong's troops had earlier captured Mong Xai, about 20 miles west of the plain on the road to Luang Prabang. Mr. Boudan told last night's Press conference the object of the alleged North Vietnamese attack was to capture the road leading from the North Vietnam port of Vinh to Luang Prabang and Vientiane.—Reuter.

In the rush and panic which swept their hut early on New Year's morning, the mother of this family lost a gold ring.

As the hungry flames swallowed up their hut, life was more precious even than gold.

But six hours after, in the cold grey light of New Year's morning, this family went back to hunt for the lost ring, made far more precious and valuable by the fact that they had lost everything else they possessed in the fire.—China Mail photo.

Fire and murder hunt made it a memorable New Year for revellers

New Year revellers got more excitement than they bargained for when the New Year was only three hours old. A fire broke out in Kowloon among a squatter area in Sham-shui-po and a senior fire officer dressed in an evening suit rushed off to direct fire fighters.

Crowds of revellers on the Tai-po-road watched firemen fighting the blaze. Earlier a police road-block searching for people in connection with a murder committed in Sham-shui-po on New Year's eve, held up several cars on the Tai-po-road at machine-gun and revolver point and "frisked" travellers.

Detained
Later three men were detained by the police for questioning. The man was shot at 139 Castle Peak-road, Sham-shui-po. A gun, believed to have been used in the shooting, was recovered on the hillside at Tai-po-road near 5 1/2 mile stone at about 4.30 am yesterday, not far from the road-block where cars were stopped on New Year's eve.

217 homeless
The fire destroyed or badly damaged 13 wooden huts and made 217 people homeless. There were no casualties.

The fire broke out at about 1 am in King Wah-street, the blaze fanned by strong northerly winds quickly spread. People living in the huts dashed for safety. In a matter of minutes the street was in a confusion with victims rushing around, shouting to find other members of their families and making desperate attempts to salvage their belongings. Firefighters under Mr. V. C. Seymour—wearing a dinner suit and black tie—brought the blaze under control in an hour. Then fire engines arrived at the scene shortly after the outbreak. A 90-year-old woman, Wa Kam-chuen, who had not been out of her home for the last 10 years was carried away from the flames by her two sons with the help of her 14 grandchildren. However, when the younger generation returned to salvage their belongings they found their home a sea of flame. Registration of fire victims was carried out by field teams of Social Welfare Department. Up to yesterday a total of 38 families consisting of 109 children were registered. Hot meals, warm clothing, blankets and cooking utensils were distributed to the victims yesterday morning.

NEW YEAR TOAST IN THE KREMLIN Let bygones be bygones, says K

Moscow, Jan. 1. Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, yesterday said that the Soviet Union would like the "unfortunate" U-2 spy plane incident to "become a thing of the past," with the departure of President Eisenhower from office.

Mr. Khrushchev made the speech in a toast he proposed shortly before the bells of Moscow's Spassky Tower struck midnight to ring in the New Year. He said the Soviet Union wants improved relations with the United States, adding that "an improvement in the relations between all states of the world depends on an improvement in the relations between our countries."

"In considering all this, we evidently need not insist on the discussion of this question by the United Nations General Assembly so that a bad past does not hamper the hopes for a good future," Mr. Khrushchev said, according to the official news agency, Tass.

'Fresh wind'
Tass said Mr. Khrushchev expressed hopes that "a fresh wind will begin to blow with the coming of the new President" of the United States. He hoped the "unhealthy atmosphere of US-Soviet relations will begin to be cleared" in the New Year. "We would like our bad relations with the United States of America to slip into the past with the old year, with the old President," Tass quoted the Premier.

It said Mr. Khrushchev said that by electing John F. Kennedy to the Presidency, the American people "expressed its condemnation of this policy of

fanning up the cold war and exacerbating international relations." Mr. Khrushchev made his plea for an end to bitter US-Soviet relations before an audience of 1,500 top government, army, intelligentsia and foreign diplomatic figures, Tass said. It said the reception guests also included "representatives of the clergy."—UPI.

Naga rebels behead victims

Rangoon, Jan. 1. Naga rebels from India swooped down on a Burmese border town, killed 15 persons and kidnapped three women, delayed reports reaching here said today.

Rebels estimated at a thousand strong beheaded their victims in a raid on Makhari village, five miles from the Indo-Burmese border on Dec. 28, the reports said. The rebels said that the rebels seized cattle and set fire to Khra Village, six miles north of Makhari.

Raiders were said to be in answer to villagers' refusal to pay a "rice tribute" to Naga tribesmen.—AP.

Children die in stampede

Tokyo, Jan. 1. The New Year brought death to 10 children in a schoolhouse stampede. Three girls and seven boys were reported trampled to death when 2,000 grade school children stampeded down a narrow stairway in a New Year morning assembly programme at a grade school in Matsuo, a coal mining town 300 miles north of Tokyo. The happy, excited children were rushing for a movie showing in an adjoining building when those in front stumbled, fell and were crushed by their classmates. At least 10 were injured.—AP.

USSR PRESIDENT SENDS GREETINGS TO THE QUEEN

Moscow, Jan. 1. President Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union has sent a message to Queen Elizabeth conveying "sincere congratulations and good wishes" to the Queen, her family, and all the British people, said Moscow Radio tonight.

The message, in a telegram sent from the Moscow Kremlin, said: "The continued development of relations between our peoples in the fields of trade, culture, science and the arts gives rise to a feeling of satisfaction."

New Year's I would like to express the hope that the Soviet Union and Great Britain will join efforts in the great and noble cause of strengthening peace and mutual understanding between countries which are united by the most cherished aspirations of all the peoples of the world.

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Ship	Leaves	Sails
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m.s. "TALISMAN"	8/11	14/12	15/12	Jan. 11
m.s. "LANCER"	8/11	14/12	15/12	Jan. 20
m.s. "TUDOR"	13/12	19/12	20/12	Feb. 1
m.s. "TRAPALGAR"	13/12	19/12	20/12	Feb. 11
m.s. "TUNOSHA"	13/12	19/12	20/12	Mar. 11
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m.s. "FERNVIL"	8/11	14/12	15/12	Jan. 11
m.s. "FERNVIL"	8/11	14/12	15/12	Jan. 20
m.s. "FERNVIL"	13/12	19/12	20/12	Feb. 1
m.s. "FERNVIL"	13/12	19/12	20/12	Feb. 11
m.s. "FERNVIL"	13/12	19/12	20/12	Mar. 11
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All-time record for U.S. economy in 1960

Washington, Jan. 1.
The year 1960 set an "all-time overall record" for the U.S. economy despite a slump in the final months which is expected to continue into 1961, Secretary of Commerce Frederick H. Mueller said today in his year-end report.

Crew of two ships saved in dramatic rescues

London, Jan. 1.
Dramatic New Year's eve rescues saved the crews of two ships in dire trouble in the Bay of Biscay last night.

The 7,600-ton freighter Indian Navigator out of Calcutta caught fire and was abandoned by her crew of 68. A British ship, the Menestheus, picked up 47 of the men and the Dutch vessel, the Balerdyk, took 21 aboard.

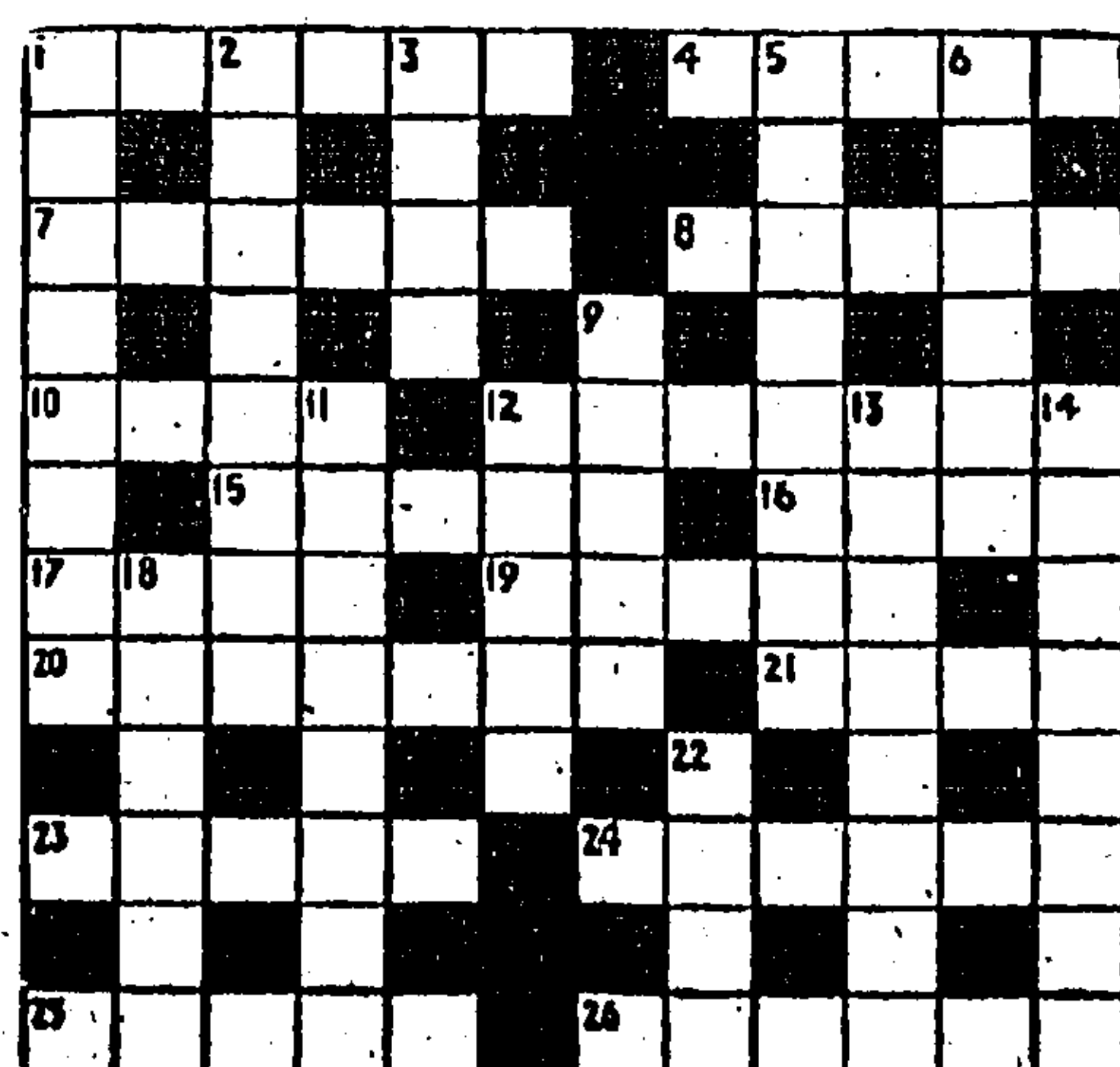
The Navigator burned fiercely but two British ships were en route to take her in tow. Survivors aboard the rescue ship were en route to Liverpool.

TRANSFERRED

A second ship, the Norwegian freighter Monterey, sent out distress signals but later reports indicated she was not in immediate danger though listing heavily. Marine radio monitors said the Monterey was trying to reach Finisterre Bay as an emergency port.

Half the crew of the 1,922-ton Monterey which left Genoa on Thursday were transferred to an unidentified Spanish ship which responded to the distress call. The remaining crew, apparently were trying to sail her into port.—AP.

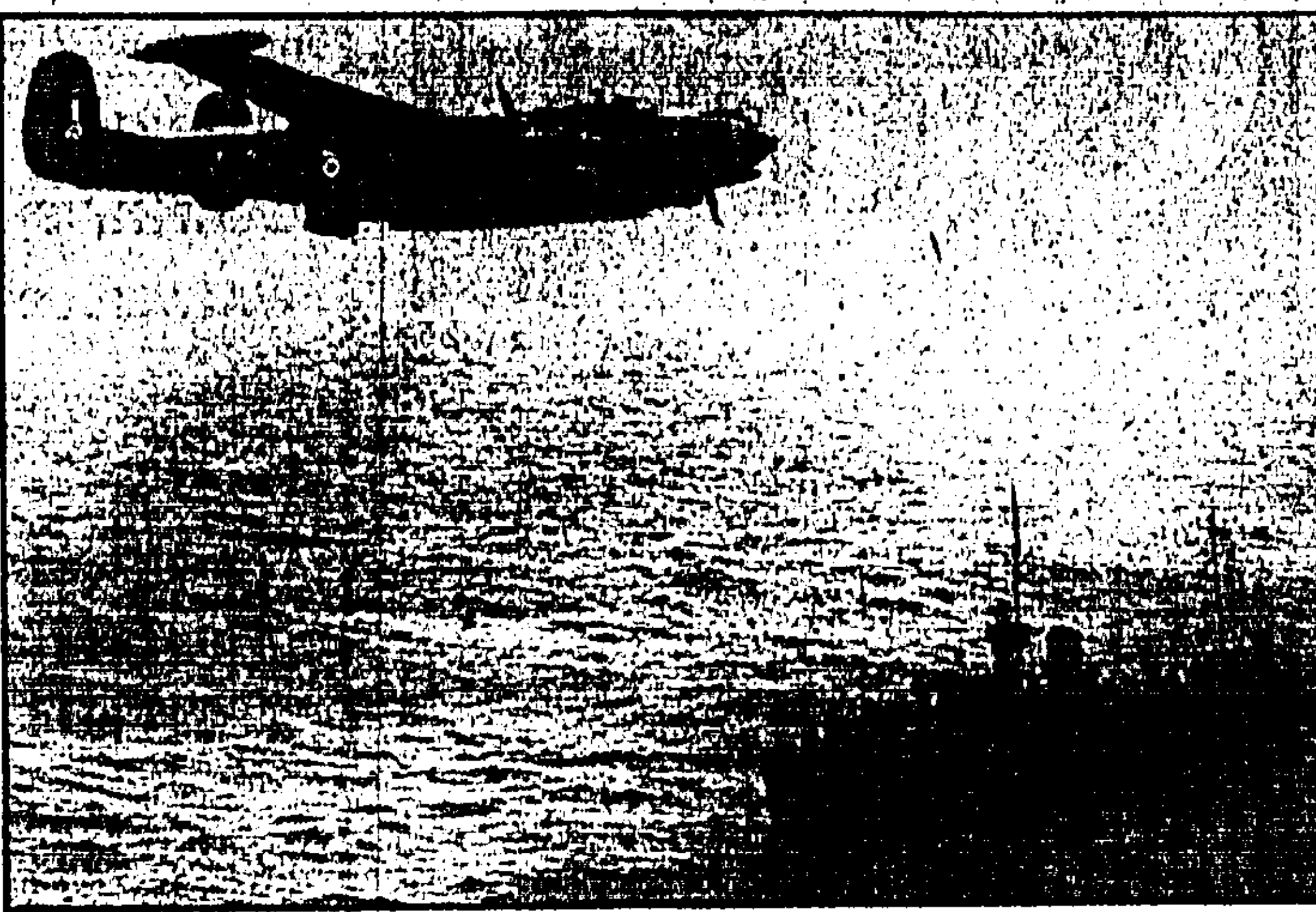
A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Law man (4).
 - 4 On a higher plane (5).
 - 7 Naughty number (0).
 - 8 Delivers the goods (5).
 - 10 Not on schedule (4).
 - 12 Dyes—and then some! (7).
 - 16 Greek epic (3).
 - 18 Reduce the tension (4).
 - 17 Peaceful flier (4).
 - 19 Intended (6).
 - 20 Raised according to plan? (7).
 - 21 Supper (4).
 - 23 Be pernickety (5).
 - 24 Where game is concealed (8).
 - 25 Reclined (5).
 - 26 Agreed to rent (0).
- DOWN**
- 1 Stop to enter (8).
 - 2 Pinal (3).
 - 3 Consumes (4).
 - 5 Spreads (6).
 - 6 Doesn't remain the same (0).
 - 9 Became a supporter (5).
 - 11 Nation-wide pull? (0).
 - 12 Ladies of rank (5).
 - 13 Untimely quality (8).
 - 14 Found out (8).
 - 18 Over-embellished? (0).
 - 22 Sporting objective (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 3 Back-bone, 8 Asleep, 9 Dependent, 11 Noblesse, 12 Asia, 13 Bells, 18 Dumas, 19 Teard, 22 Dilution, 24 Confused, 25 Nipper, 26 Sedition. Down: 1 Tawny, 2 Globe, 3 Beloved, 4 Ape, 5 Kite, 6 Ode, 7 Endure, 10 Psalm, 14 Lucid, 16 Saladin, 18 Circus, 19 Darned, 20 Nippy, 21 Snort, 22 Diet, 23 (Dan) Leno.

A Christmas air drop



"Father Christmas" planes—two B-29s of 200 Squadron at St Mawgan, Cornwall—dropped Christmas cards and letters to the weather ship Weather Recorder 400 miles west of Fasinet. The crew spent Christmas on board. Here a B-29 is seen before it dropped the mail in canisters.—Central Press photo.

Hundreds of doctors may be involved in U.S. fraud racket

New York, Jan. 1.
An official of the Board of Regents said today that hundreds of doctors throughout New York state may be involved in a giant racket to defraud insurance companies.

'Aggression against Congo' warning

Leopoldville, Jan. 1.
The United Nations' chief military advisor said yesterday any attempt by pro-Western Colonel Joseph Mobutu to invade rebel Kivu province from the U.N. trust territory of Guanda Urundi would be "aggression against the Congo."

General Indrjit Keja told newsmen United Nations troops on the frontier would forbid passage to "any armed person, no matter what their nationality."

FIVE IN FAMILY DIE

Paris, Jan. 1.
Six people, including five members of one family, were burned to death in a fire in this Congo Province City early today.

Mr Whitney resigns

Washington, Jan. 1.
President Eisenhower has accepted "with very great personal regret" the resignation of Mr. John Hay Whitney, United States Ambassador to Britain.

Soviet admission

London, Jan. 1.
Russia admitted today its scientists still are far from harnessing nuclear power for general peaceful use.

Negro appointed

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 1.
President-elect John Kennedy announced today that he was appointing Robert Weaver, a Negro, to the post of Director of the Federal Housing Services.—AP.

DEATH TOLL RISES IN MEXICO SHOOTING

Mexico City, Jan. 1.
The death toll rose to at least eight persons killed and 37 wounded in Friday's incident when troops fired on a crowd of demonstrators in Chilpancingo, the Red Cross reported.

The demonstration started when an army officer shot and killed a man taking up a poster opposing Gov. Raul Caballero Acuña of Guerrero province. Chilpancingo, capital of the province, is about 150 miles south of Mexico City.

One witness said the death toll was at least 15. There were reports that the area had been cordoned off and that there were more bodies there than the eight listed by the Red Cross.

FIRE INTO CROWD

According to the Red Cross the demonstrators gathered around the body of the man, Enrique Ramirez and refused to disperse. Troops then fired into the crowd.

Troops were reported patrolling the streets and keeping crowds away from the area of the shooting.

The governor was reported in Acapulco, the international resort on the Pacific coast of the state. It is about 60 miles from Chilpancingo.

Representatives of the groups opposing the governor were sent to Mexico City to discuss the situation with the federal government.

They claimed 20 per cent. of the cities and towns in the province opposed the governor.—UPI.

Serious crime wave hits Detroit

Detroit, Jan. 1.
Detroit police, working overtime to stem a wave of holdups, slayings and attacks on women, were confronted today with another fatal beating and a rape-robbery.

Cyrill B. Campbell, 71, died this morning at hospital after being beaten, kicked and robbed of \$120 by three Negro thugs who set up on him last night as he walked near his home.

It was the 25th murder in Detroit last month, the highest for any month since July, 1950.

DRAGGED

Also last night, a 44-year-old woman was grabbed from behind as she walked along a street, a length of rope was looped around her neck and she was dragged between two houses.

Her assailant raped her, then robbed her of \$80 and fled after warning her to "keep quiet or I'll kill you."

Early this week the entire city police force of more than 4,000 men was ordered on a six-day work week aimed at stemming the crime wave. More than 600 persons have been picked up by police during the crackdown, most of them carrying concealed weapons.—UPI.



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Calling Suva, Lautoka (Fiji Is.)			
BRITISH EAST AFRICA & BEIRA			
"TJANTJANT"	Jan. 8	Nairobi, Tanga, Zanzibar, Dar-Es-Salaam, Lindi & Beira	
"TJANTJANT"	Feb. 11		
"TJANTJANT"	Mar. 11		
Calling Mombasa			
MAURITIUS, SOUTH AFRICA			
"STR. VAN DIEMEN"	Jan. 10	Mauritius, L. Marquies, Durban, S. London, Ft. Elizabeth & Capetown	
"SCHOUTEN"	Jan. 19		
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SOUTH AMERICA			
"STR. VAN DIEMEN"	Jan. 10	Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo & Buenos Aires	
"TJANTJANT"	Jan. 24		
Rio de Janeiro & Montevideo opt.			
WEST AFRICA			
"VAN HERMESKERCK"	Jan. 25	Capetown, Matadi, Douala, Port Harcourt, Lagos, Accra, Abidjan, Freetown, Monrovia & other ports on inducement	
"VAN DER HAGEN"	Feb. 22		
"VAN LINSCHOTEN"	Mar. 22		
JAPAN			
"HOISSEVAIN"	Jan. 8	Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya	
"STR. MOZAMBIQUE"	Jan. 3	Yokohama	
CHINA			
"SCHOUTEN"	Jan. 8	Shanghai	
SAIGON			
"SCHOUTEN"	Jan. 8	Shanghai	
SINGAPORE			
"STR. VAN DIEMEN"	Jan. 10		
ARRIVING FROM			
Australia, Japan, S. America, S. Africa	In Port	K.W. 1 A-15	"TIJWANGI"
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Japan, S. Africa	Jan. 7		"TJANTJANT"
Japan	Jan. 8		"HOISSEVAIN"
New Zealand, Saigon, S. Africa, Singapore	Jan. 9		"VAN CLOON"
Shanghai	Jan. 11		"TJANTJANT"
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* PIONEER MAIT	Jan. 7	Feb. 7	Feb. 8
PIONEER MALT	Jan. 17	Feb. 17	Feb. 18
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(Ex KeyStone Mariner)			JAPAN DEAR	Feb. 8	Feb. 24
KORAN DEAR	Jan. 6	Jan. 23	HONGKONG DEAR	Feb. 24	Mar. 12

DEPARTURES FOR SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES

Via Okinawa & Japan

Ship	Arrives	Sails	Ship	Arrives	Sails
HONGKONG DEAR	Jan. 18	Jan. 18	Feb. 3		
KORAN DEAR	Feb. 8	Feb. 8	Feb. 18		
GOLDEN DEAR	Feb. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 8		
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Jan. 18	Jan. 22	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Mar. 18
Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Mar. 22
Jan. 24	Jan. 26	Feb. 26	Feb. 26	Mar. 24
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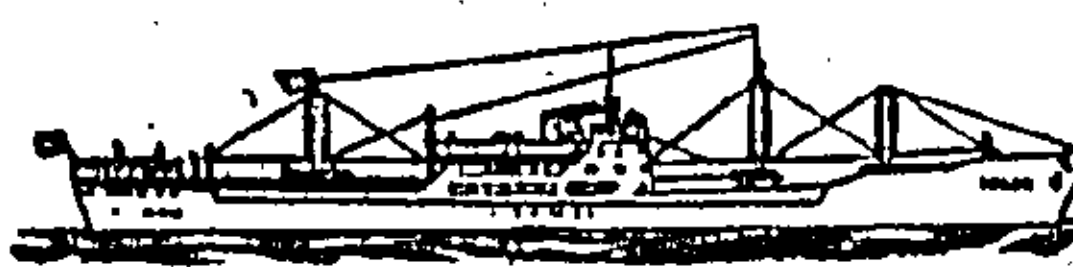
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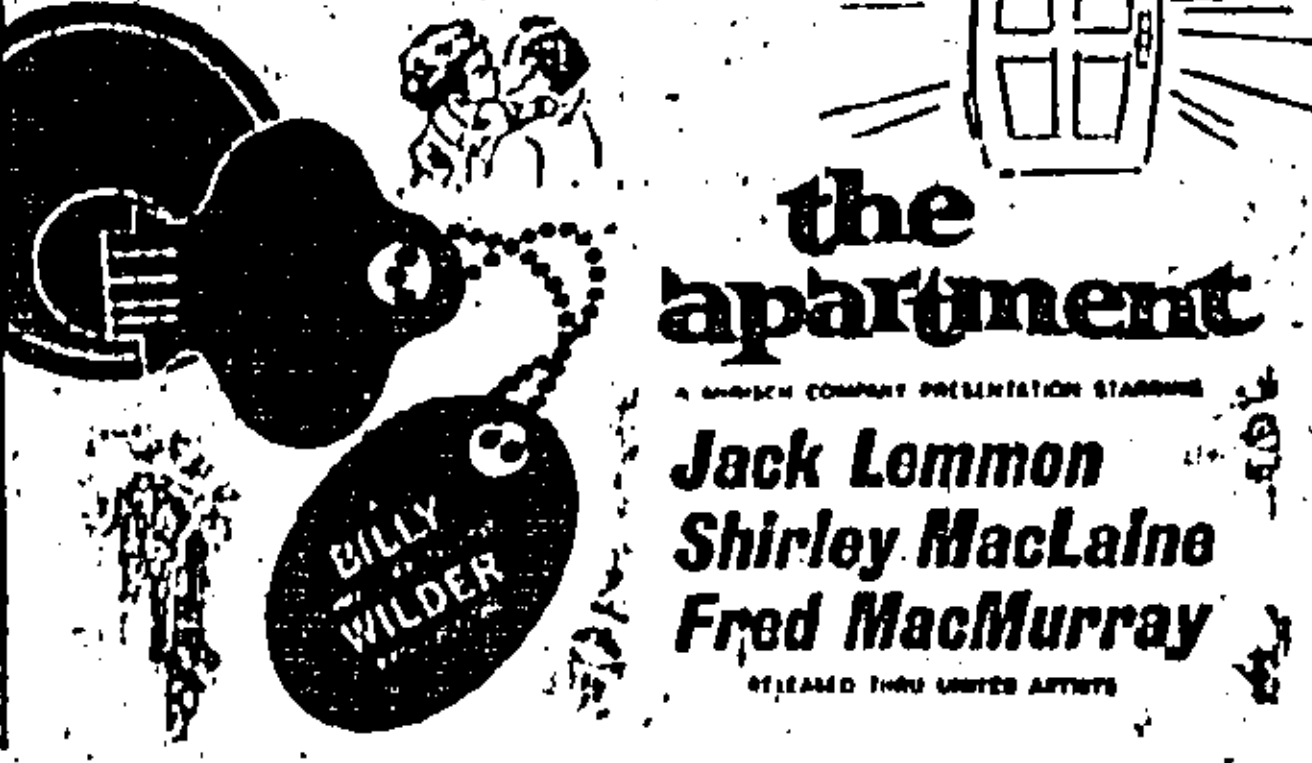
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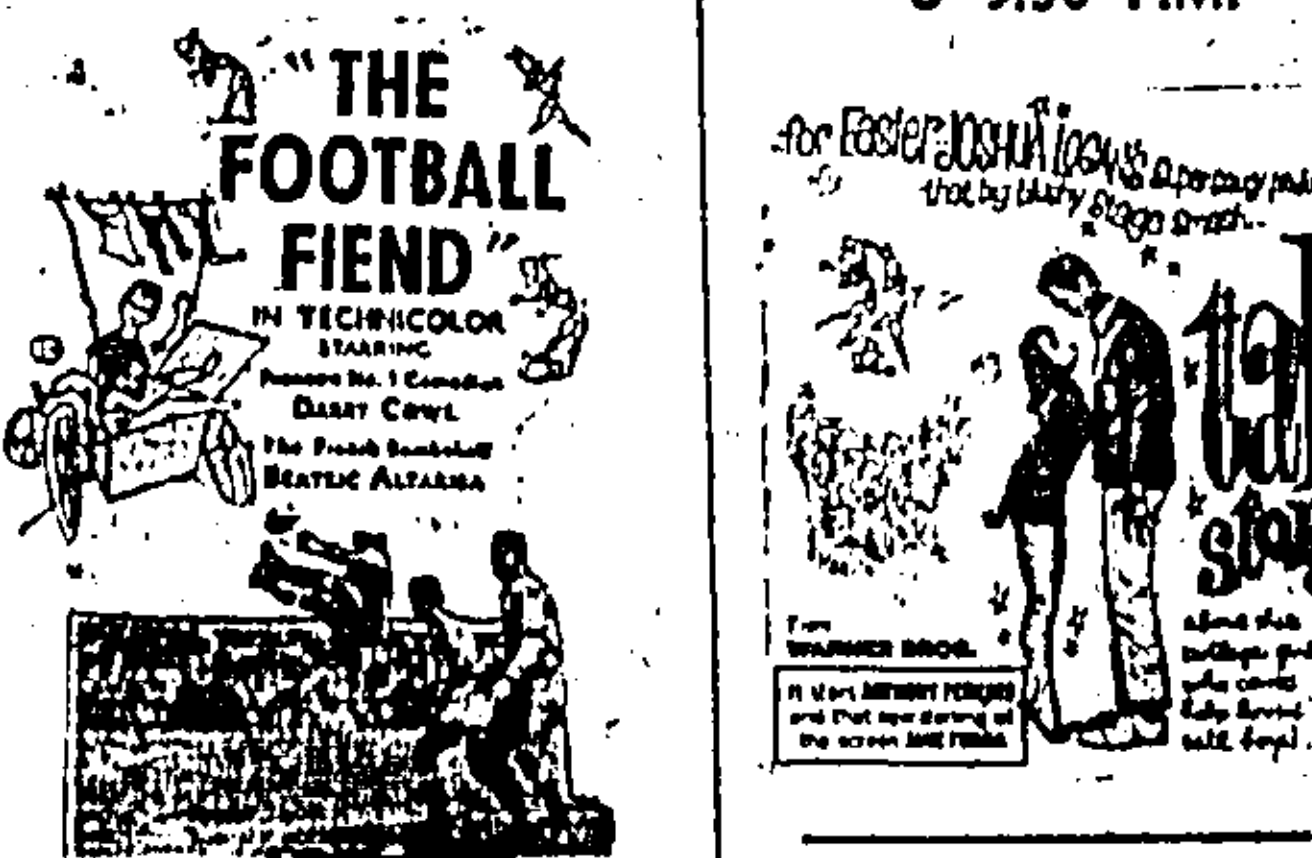
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POLICE BREAK UP
A LIVELY FUNERAL

Bagdad, Jan. 1.
 Seven persons are on trial in Bagdad's military court in the case of the corpse that ran away.
 Chief defendant is the corpse himself, a fleet-footed 48-year-old cement worker named Kassem Shakhnoub.

The case began last May when police fired a few shots in the air to break up a demonstration at the Iraq cement company. Investigation showed nobody was hurt, but the leftist workers union claimed Shakhnoub had been killed.

Next day a mournful parade wound from the cement factory into Bagdad, led by chanting workers and wailing women, their faces tear-streaked and daubed with mud to show their grief.

The workers carried a wooden coffin bearing the body of Shakhnoub, bobbing aloft as clear evidence of police brutality. Down crowded Rashid street the marchers gathered sympathy from butchers, mechanics, donkey drivers and pedestrians, and the lament grew as they approached the Ministry of Defence.

Coffin left
 There they planned to protest to the Prime Minister, Major General Abdul Kerim Kassim. At this point, unsympathetic police moved in to disperse the crowd, a scuffle broke out and the workers scattered, deserting their martyred comrade. The coffin crashed ignominiously to the ground. Shocked by their irreverence for the dead, the police halted—but not for long.

The coffin sprang open and the corpse leaped out at a dead run. With shouts of "the body's got away," police took up the chase and caught him a block away.

Shakhnoub and a handful of demonstrators were booked for disturbing the peace and threatening the security of the republic. They are scheduled for sentencing this month.—AP.

HE WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR!

Copenhagen, Jan. 1.
 A wealthy 49-year-old businessman who lived in three homes with a "wife" in each was fined 200 kroner (about £10) here for contravening the housing laws—which permit only one flat.
 The businessman, whose name was not disclosed, in court here was said to have lived for years with the three women, each unaware of the other's existence. One was his real wife who divorced him when she found out.
 He was recommended by the court to confine his domestic adventures to one home.—Reuter.

This bomb was a lemon

Washington, Jan. 1.
 When a gaily wrapped gift package standing on a table in the Plaza Hotel here last night was noticed to be ticking, a pageboy read the label which said "Warning! Any attempt to move or tamper with this package will be instantly fatal. I hate the world."
 The police were called and the manager cleared public rooms.
 Then came a telephone call. "You better evacuate," a voice said.
 A police bomb expert put his stethoscope to the package, and then gingerly opened it—the contents—an alarm clock, a lemon and a note saying "bang."—Reuter.

TUG SINKS SIX DROWN

Port Arthur, Jan. 1.
 The U.S. tugboat Philip Arthur, rammed by the three empty oil barges she was towing, sank in the inter-coastal canal near this Texas port shortly before midnight and her crew of six went down with the tug.
 Currents are swift where the tug went down, and it was considered likely that the tug swerved sharply and the barges rammed into it.
 Six divers searched the water for bodies and efforts were underway to raise the tug.—AP.

100 KILLED IN SOMALIA

Aden, Jan. 1.
 A radio report from Mogadishu, Somalia, heard here today said at least 100 Somali Nomads, mostly women and children, had been killed and 60 wounded in clashes with Ethiopian troops in the Ethiopian-administered territory of Danat near the Somalia frontier.
 The Mogadishu broadcast also reported that the Ethiopians had arrested more than 20 Somali girls and seized a Somali lorry with 14 passengers. It said that Ethiopian reinforcements were being sent to frontier posts.—Reuter.

IRISH CHEER PRINCESS IN THE RAIN

Birr, Jan. 1.
 Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong-Jones went to church here today and gave the Irish police a headache.

ROWDY WELCOME TO 1961

London, Jan. 1.
 Vast, revelling crowds danced, sang, cheered, got drunk, hit policemen and frolicked in the fountains of Trafalgar Square as the booming chimes of Big Ben sounded in the New Year.
 Police estimated the famous square and nearby Piccadilly Circus were jammed with close on 100,000 people celebrating the dawn of 1961.
 As midnight approached, the crowds linked arms in "Auld Lang Syne" fireworks exploded and hundreds of balloons sailed up towards Nelson atop his tall column.
 Teenagers kissed and danced around a huge Christmas tree glowing with coloured lights.
 In Piccadilly Circus police formed a cordon around Eros to hurl back revellers who tried to storm the statue.
 More than 100 people were arrested during the night and several policemen were injured.—AP.

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Melbourne, Dec. 31.
 A cool change spread over Victoria today, ending one of the longest December heat waves on record.
 Melbourne's seven-day heat wave, which forced temperatures up into the hundreds, ended when the change swept in just after midday.
 The mercury fell 30 degrees in an hour.
 Before the change arrived the temperature had risen to 99.5 degrees.
 The heavens broke one December record and equalled two others.
 It broke the previous December record of 9 (not consecutive) days over 90 set in 1917, 1941, and 1950.
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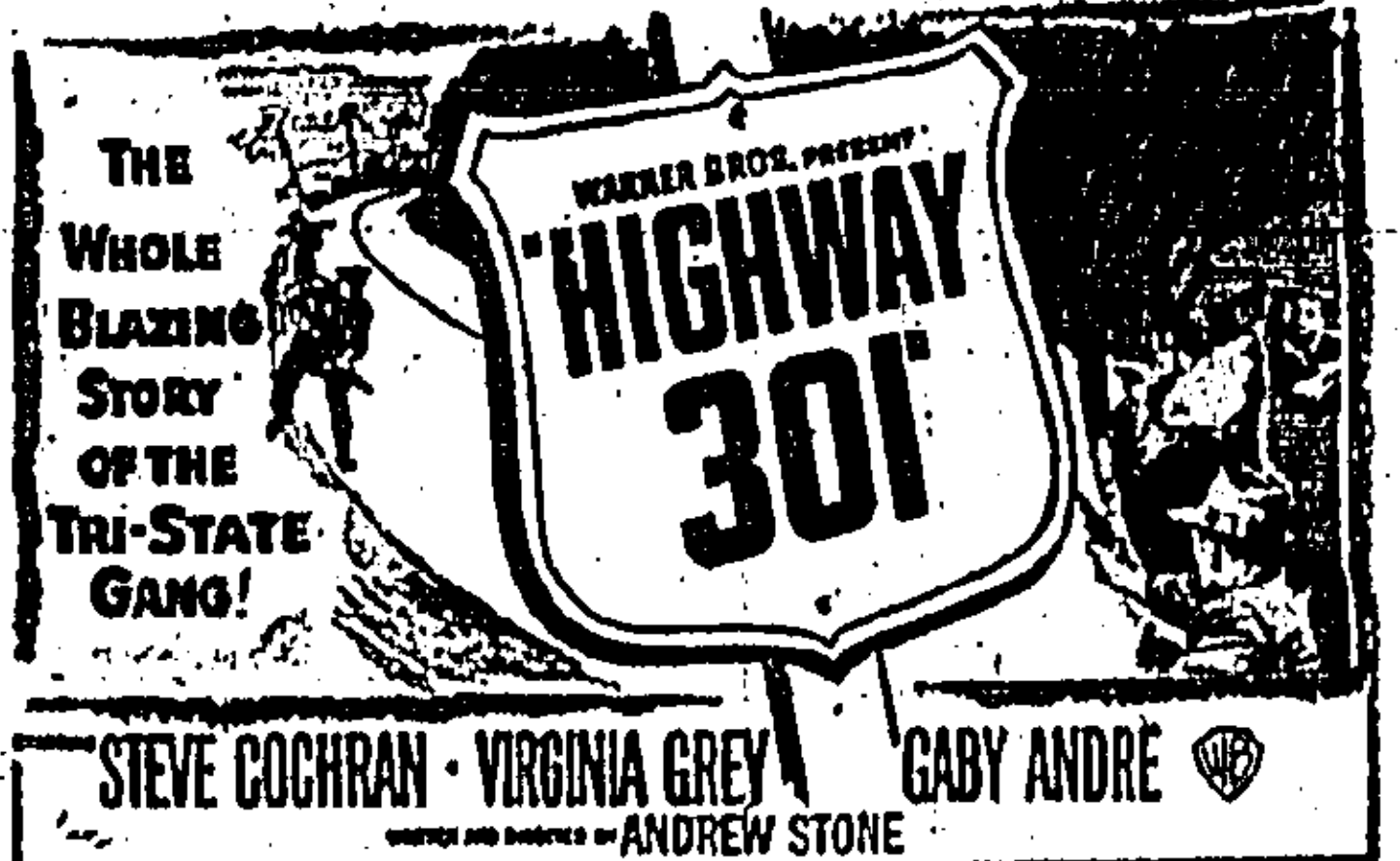
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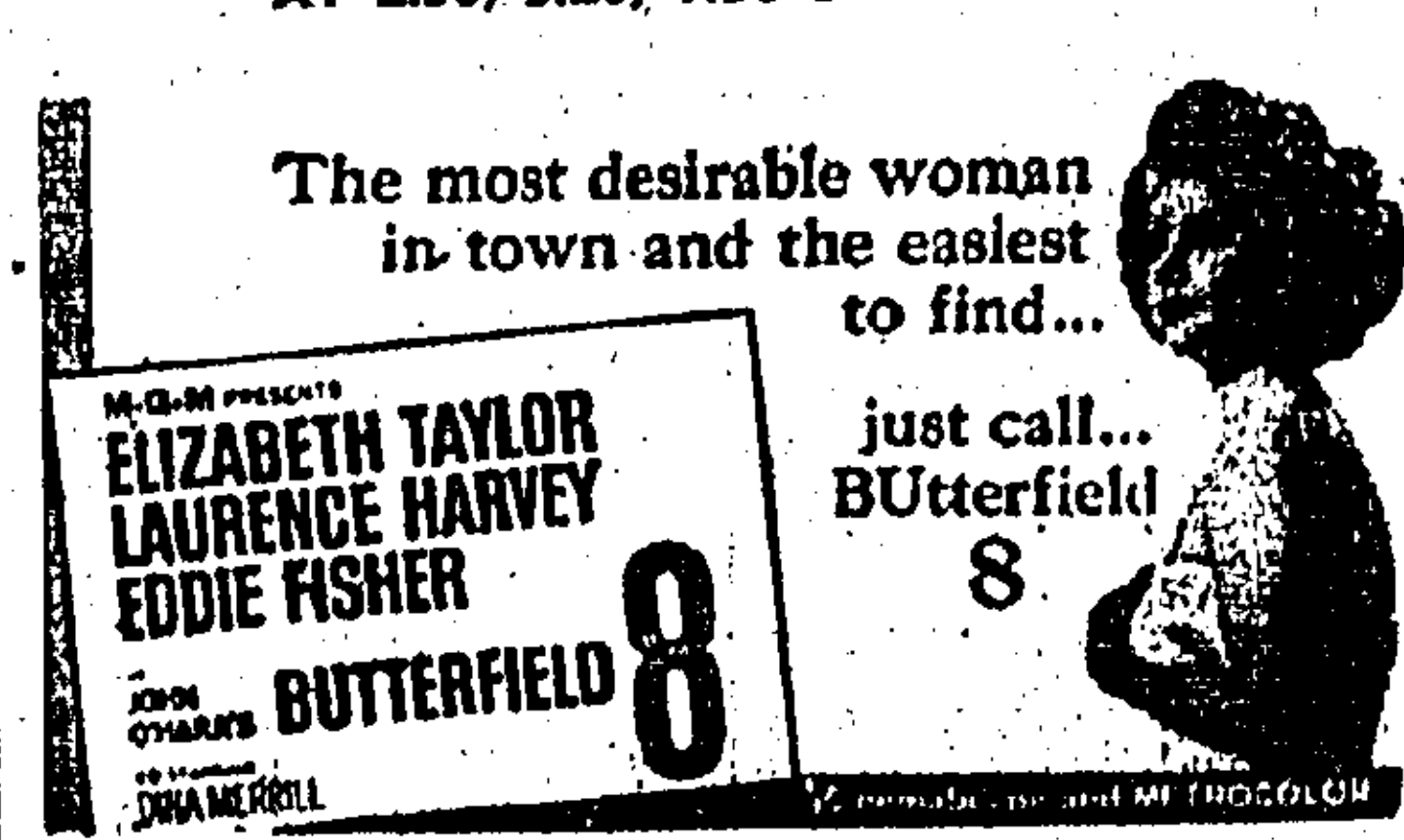
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1961 It's too good to miss... this chance
to play tipster
WATCH FOR IT...

THE BACKLESS BRA
ENGINEERED BY TWO
BRIDGE
BUILDERS!



FASHION
PAGE

by
JILL BUTTERFIELD

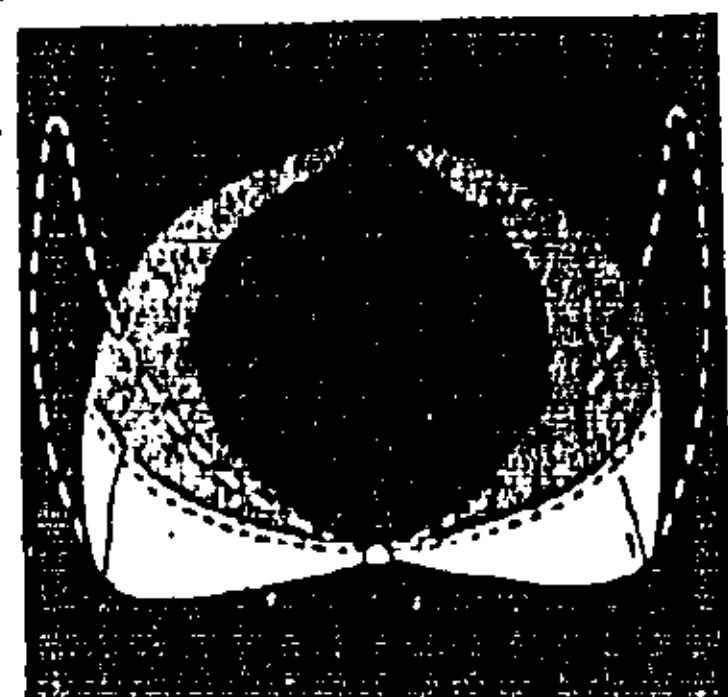
AROUND this time of the year the pundits start playing predictions. On unimpeachable authority* we are told that 1961 will be a busy year for the Stock Exchange, agricultural interests will receive a boost, another royal romance will blossom, and fish will bite well in July.

Now like everyone else I'm mad to climb—complete with
* Old Moore's Almanack.

crystal ball—on the hand wagon.
But fashion is a pretty unpredictable factor. With one flick of his scissors a leading designer can change the women of the Western world from bombshells to beatniks in a matter of months.

So I'm NOT sticking my neck out, I'm NOT attempting to tell you where your skirt will end, or your waist begin six months from now.

But I AM sure, certain sure, that—
IT'S SAFE TO SAY that more money than ever before will be spent on your vital statistics. New lightweight fabrics, new brilliantly coloured dyes will im-



THE BACKLESS BRA—X-ray
drawing by Michael Rand

prove the old unmentionables out of all recognition.

BUT the most sensational garment will be the first completely backless bra, engineered by two bridge builders. It is wired to clip on.

IT'S SAFE TO SAY the leading shape for spring is a loose-waisted, often sleeveless, dress. Pleats predominate. The accent is on plain fabrics. Best example of the shape of things to come: a grown-up gym tunic in Tricel by Susan Small. Price £7 17s. 6d.

BUT the best selling dress will still, I'm sad to say, be the kind of printed shirtwaister you have been wearing for years.

IT'S SAFE TO SAY that hair will stay short. The fringe will come zooming back (already one Mayfair stylist has a repertoire of ten different fringes).

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IT'S SAFE TO SAY that 1961 will go down in feminine history as the year when a woman literally put a new face on it. From February, a completely new range of make-up designed to correct your facial structure and colour faults will be on the market. It will cope with too wide noses, too hollow jaws, too ruddy cheeks. The price is a bit too high, too. Remodelling foundation, £1 8s. 6d.

BUT far too many mothers will still let far too many daughters agonise over imaginary facial faults which a quick visit to a trained beautician would dispel. A dab of powder and a smear of paint won't get a girl anywhere come 1961.

It's safe to say
these stockings...

...will help to boost the national average of 11.2 pairs of stockings per woman. And at the same time the national expenditure on shoes will rise even higher.

For the first time the English woman will realise that stockings and shoes are complementary, and choose them to really go together.

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Like a dark, sheer, pointed-toe stocking (Kaiser Bondor, Chiswick, 6s. 11d.) worn with a slender black patent pump (Lotus, £6 6s.).

Like a lacy-weave stocking (35s) worn with an open gold-mesh sandal (Dolcis, £3 9s. 11d.).

Like a shimmering golden seamfree stocking (Glamour Girl, 6s. 11d.) with a baby-heeled gold kid pump (Saxone, £2 10s. 11d.).

Like a tough, tartan-patterned crepe nylon stocking (Wolsey, 14s. 6d.), worn with a soft suede country shoe (Clarks, £2 10s. 11d.).

BUT the hazard in every woman's life will still continue to be that unexpected ladder in her stocking.

IT'S SAFE TO SAY that a new colour—mint green—will be "discovered." **BUT** the best-dressed women at the best-dressed parties will still be wearing black.

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IT'S SAFE TO SAY that some man will rant about trousers, some man will rail against the bikini, some man will revile dyed hair, painted faces, nylon stockings, and stiletto heels.

BUT IT'S SAFE TO SAY that, like sex, they're all here to stay.
—(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

STARTING with tomorrow's article, I am going to discuss the Jacoby slam convention which might well be called Blackgiver since it combines the best features of both and is still simple enough so that any beginner can play it.

Today's hand is a clinch for Garter bidders. South asked for aces by bidding four clubs and when North shows one ace only South signs off at four spades which is all the hand makes. Blackwood Leaders can't afford to let their enthusiasm run away with them. A four no-

NORTH (D) 14		EAST	
♠ K 9 7 3		♠ 10 6 5	
♥ A J 10		♥ A 10 5 3	
♦ K Q 5 7 6		♦ 8 6 5 4 3	
♣ A Q J		♣ K 2	
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A J 8 6 5		♠ K Q 4 3	
♥ K Q 4 3		♥ K 2	
♦ K 2		♦ K 2	
♣ K 2		♣ K 2	
Both vulnerable		West	
♠ 1 Pass	♠ 1 Pass	♠ 1 Pass	♠ 1 Pass
♥ 3 Pass	♥ 3 Pass	♥ 3 Pass	♥ 3 Pass
♦ 4 Pass	♦ 4 Pass	♦ 4 Pass	♦ 4 Pass
♣ 4 Pass	♣ 4 Pass	♣ 4 Pass	♣ 4 Pass
Opening lead—♠ 10			

trump call will find out about the missing aces, but it may also leave South just one trick out of his depth.

Actually it would not because West has a fairly natural club opening which gives South a chance to get rid of his losing diamond right away.

A really expert Blackwood bidder would skip the convention with the South hand and

♥ CARD SENSE ♦

Q—The bidding has been:
South: 1♣ North: 1♥
West: 1♠ East: 2♥
What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. You have a normal opening heart bid and your partner has jumped you.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner responds two diamonds to your one heart opening. What do you do in this instance?

Answer Tomorrow

Rupert and the Purple Star—30



The man, holding Rupert firmly, urges him away from the hill and on the ground and into the lower woods. The little bear is very scared at what he has heard. "He spoke of Black Pedro," he thinks. "Can he himself be Black Pedro? That's the name of

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Riding On A Camel

—Merlin's Magic Puts Knarf And Teddy In Desert—

By MAX TRELL

"WHAT'S the name of that Animal you're looking at?" Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, asked his good friend Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, who was sitting on the floor, reading a book.

Teddy was pointing to a picture of a shaggy-looking creature with a long head like a horse and huge, sad eyes.

Interrupted Knarf
"That's a Camel," said Knarf. Teddy said he'd never heard of a Camel.

"What does the book say about him?" he asked Knarf. "I don't like his looks much."

"He's a very useful Animal," said Knarf. "He can go across the desert."

"It's a big place," said Knarf. "All covered with sand and without any water to drink."

"What good is a desert?" asked Teddy.

Knarf shrugged. "It's just good to cross," he answered. "And that's why the Camel is such a useful Animal. It can walk for days and days without having to drink any water."

Doesn't drink water
"I never drink any water at all," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, rounding very bonstful as he said this.

"That's because you're stuffed with seaweed," said Knarf.

"That are Camels stuffed with?" asked Teddy.

Knarf said he didn't know what Camels were stuffed with.

except that he was quite sure they weren't stuffed with seaweed.

"I wish I could see a Camel," said Teddy.

Just then, Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, came along to take his morning walk around the room and back to the bookcase where he lived.

"Teddy would like to see a Camel," Knarf said to Mr. Merlin. "And so would I."

Knarf pointed to the picture in the book which showed two Camels walking across a vast sandy stretch with two Men sitting on their backs.

"We'd like to see two Camels just like that," he said.

"Certainly," said Mr. Merlin.

Teddy is excited
"You mean we can?" shouted Teddy, already excited even though nothing had happened.

"Certainly," repeated Mr. Merlin.

Mr. Merlin mumbled some strange words and knew what they were—and the next second, Knarf and Teddy looked around to see themselves standing in the middle of the desert with nothing around them except sand—and Mr. Merlin.

"I thought I might as well come along with you," said Mr. Merlin. "I haven't seen any Camels for a long time. Look, here they come now!"

Far off in the distance, there were two tiny specks. The specks came closer and, by and by, Knarf and Teddy could see that they were two Camels, plodding slowly across the sand toward them.

Two Arab Merchants were sitting on the Camels' backs. The Camels were carrying a cargo of silk and spices.

Although the Camels moved slowly, they did not seem to be tired.

Stronger than horses
"They're much stronger than horses," Mr. Merlin told Knarf and Teddy. "At any rate, no horse could cross the desert as well as they can."

The Arab Merchants greeted Knarf and Teddy and Mr. Merlin and said that they had been travelling for many days.

Much to the delight of Teddy and Knarf, the Arab Merchants allowed them both to ride on the back of a Camel.



Knarf and Teddy sat between the camel's humps.

"Camels are called ships of the desert," said Mr. Merlin.

"Long ago," said one of the Arab Merchants, "in the times of Aladdin and Sinbad the Sailor, Camels used to cross the desert in long caravans, bringing merchandise thousands of miles from India and China."

"But today we have automobiles and airplanes and the Camel isn't being used very much."

Then the Arab Merchants rode off. And Knarf and Teddy and Mr. Merlin found themselves back in their room.

Teddy's question
"What I wonder," said Teddy, "is why the Camels don't get thirsty. Are you sure," he said to Mr. Merlin and Knarf, "that they aren't stuffed with seaweed?"

Mr. Merlin and Knarf said that they were sure.

"Then, maybe," said Teddy, "they fill up those two humps of theirs with water."

But neither Mr. Merlin nor Knarf could say one way or the other.

PARENTS' PAGE

edited by Maureen Owen

I TALKED to Lady Aberconway about children, not because she has a title but because I rate her a good mother.

Her belief is a simple one: What you put into children you get back.

In a way she has an unusual family. A girl of 16 and a boy of two. The girl, Robin, is god-mother to the boy, Michael.

"In fact," she says, "I'm bringing up two only-children."

Lady Aberconway feels that at 16 Robin is capable of taking quite important decisions. The question of staying at school for an extra year has been left to her and she has decided to stay put and take her A levels.

'Wrong'
"I hope this doesn't sound smug or too easy but I'm fairly sure that all these teenage problems arise from the wrong relationship and training in early childhood," says Lady Aberconway.

"The next thing is that as soon as the signs of growing up are there you must recognise them and let the child decide a few things for itself."

"If the training is there they will probably come to the right decision, but if not there are

still hopes that they will learn from an experience that has gone wrong.

"And if a good relationship has been built up they will want to discuss things with you."

As regards Michael, Lady Aberconway's present preoccupation is in finding a prep school which is not merely a barracks for small boys. To this end she has travelled the length of the country and interviewed more headmasters and matrons than she can remember.

Her penetrating blue eyes have run over mattresses that sag in the middle, classes that are too big (12 is the limit), scholarship lists that are too small, and room temperatures that are too low.

Half American, she was amazed to find that fixing a boy's school is considered to be purely a paternal job in this country.

She has become adept at ignoring the cold shoulder and says it is all time and trouble and practically a full-time job, but refuses to recognise the headmasterly attitude that mothers are a deleterious influence on their boys.

Mixed Infant you are a boy or girl between five and seven years of age. If you can read this at all, your parents are not very satisfactory.

I was talking to a friend about this problem and we both agreed that you're only to look round the average parent to find

good looking men married to plain women.

There are, and always will be, a good supply of men who are frequently loath to leave the State and school with a school-master can carry it.

My friend went a step further and said that only a plain girl can get away with some of the smart off-beat clothes.

And that plain girls are more liable to pay scrupulous attention to their minds, complexions and figures.

Unfortunately you don't really know these things until you're over 25.

All I'm saying is: if you let the "prettiness" cult knock a young girl really badly, she'll never recover the self-confidence to develop the qualities that matter.

There are some acid warnings about the mushroom growth of private schools, a chapter for "Beyond-the-Poles," and hints for further education up to late developers of 40. Also, very funny drawings by Kenneth Jameson.

If you decide to give this book to a bright school child, remind him not to take it back to school.

Bringing up
the children:
just leave it to them

EDUCATION'S MYSTERIES EXPLAINED...

GROWING UP CLEVER
NEW: is the title of a book by John Welch (Abelard-Schuman Ltd., 8s. 6d.), which would make a good present for a parent with an education neurosis.

Willfully irrelevant, the author administers some rather shocking knockouts to all phases of education, clearing up some of the mysteries of the modern system on the way. "Cynical schoolmasters are worried about the existence not of the Latin Dole-lopers but of the Late Collapse."

FLUORIDE toothpaste is to be put on the market in the New Year. It has not been suggested that fluoridated toothpaste can replace the beneficial effects of fluoridated drinking water on children's teeth but it is claimed to aid the prevention of tooth decay.

BECKT medical research has revealed that the babies of women who smoke are, on average, lighter than those of non-smokers.

FOURTY children with foot defects were taken over by a firm of children's shoe manufacturers and three orthopaedic surgeons.

It took them five years to effect any improvement during which time each child went through 20 pairs of shoes; their feet were measured four times a year and examined by the surgeons at intervals of six months.

Advice
Mr Welch gives advice to all ages, starting with those attending a State primary. "Dear

Mixed Infant you are a boy or girl between five and seven years of age. If you can read this at all, your parents are not very satisfactory."

The prep school... "the average parent to find

length of your holidays being in

No democrat—but it's hard not to admire him . . .

SEVERAL weeks ago I walked up the steps of the Palace, said "How day do" to the famo lion and, flanked by the Court Chamberlain and our Charge d'Affaires, bowed my way up the long drawing room to where the Emperor was standing dressed in full military uniform.

First in Amharic through an interpreter and then in French we discussed Russia and the cold war, and the personalities of the U.S. Presidential candidates.

He is proud of his educational reforms and public building programmes. He aims to keep the State free of foreign entanglements while welcoming loans and investments from the United Nations, the United States and most European countries.

He is a courageous and enlightened man with a strong sense of humour.

Power

My diary records: "The Emperor is head of all branches and services in the State, including the Church. He wields absolute power but keeps it well distributed so that centres of intrigue do not remain such for long."

"Only the Army and more certainly the Palace Guard itself could stage a coup d'état and this is only likely if and when the Emperor's powers begin to fall."

"Nevertheless, the country is already somewhat of a police state and there is great uncertainty about individuals and events."

The people are proud, stupid and time-wasting but also charming and generous. Democracy is embryonic.

There is a nominated Senate and a House of Representatives whose elections are controlled. I attended a session of the latter.

The Speaker was true to his designation. He never ceased booming at his flock through a microphone.

The course of the debates in both Houses is reported to the Emperor. He can be surprised. He likes to meet in joint session to settle their differences and, in the last resort, veto all legislation.

Mean

Addis Ababa, for all its blazing sunshine, sparkling atmosphere and perfect setting in the mountains, has a woe-begone appearance.

The palaces, embassies, new public buildings and processional ways scarcely hide the mean

by LORD HINCHINGBROOKE

Who has recently returned from a visit to Ethiopia.

and bedraggled-looking inner streets, and the corrugated iron shacks and wattle huts in which the people live.

The marks of disease are apparent everywhere, and cripples and beggars abound.

There is more of the Middle East than Africa in this isolated and barbaric State. But one wonders, as elsewhere, whether the "wind of change" will blow it any good.

The young zealots had set the sights high. "Three thousand years of injustice" was a good chunk of experience and practice to set aside in one Palace revolution.

Inspired

Halle Selassie is a great monarch and an inspired man according to his lights. Given the rugged country, the almost total absence of resources, the ravages of war and the backwardness of his people, he has done more than any Emperor within living memory to keep the peace externally and internally and to add momentum to the economy.

Whatever the democratically minded members of the younger generation may think, this remarkable old man has welded on to the trappings of monarchy

the active co-operation of half the world in modernising his State, making its institutions progressive and keeping it free and independent.

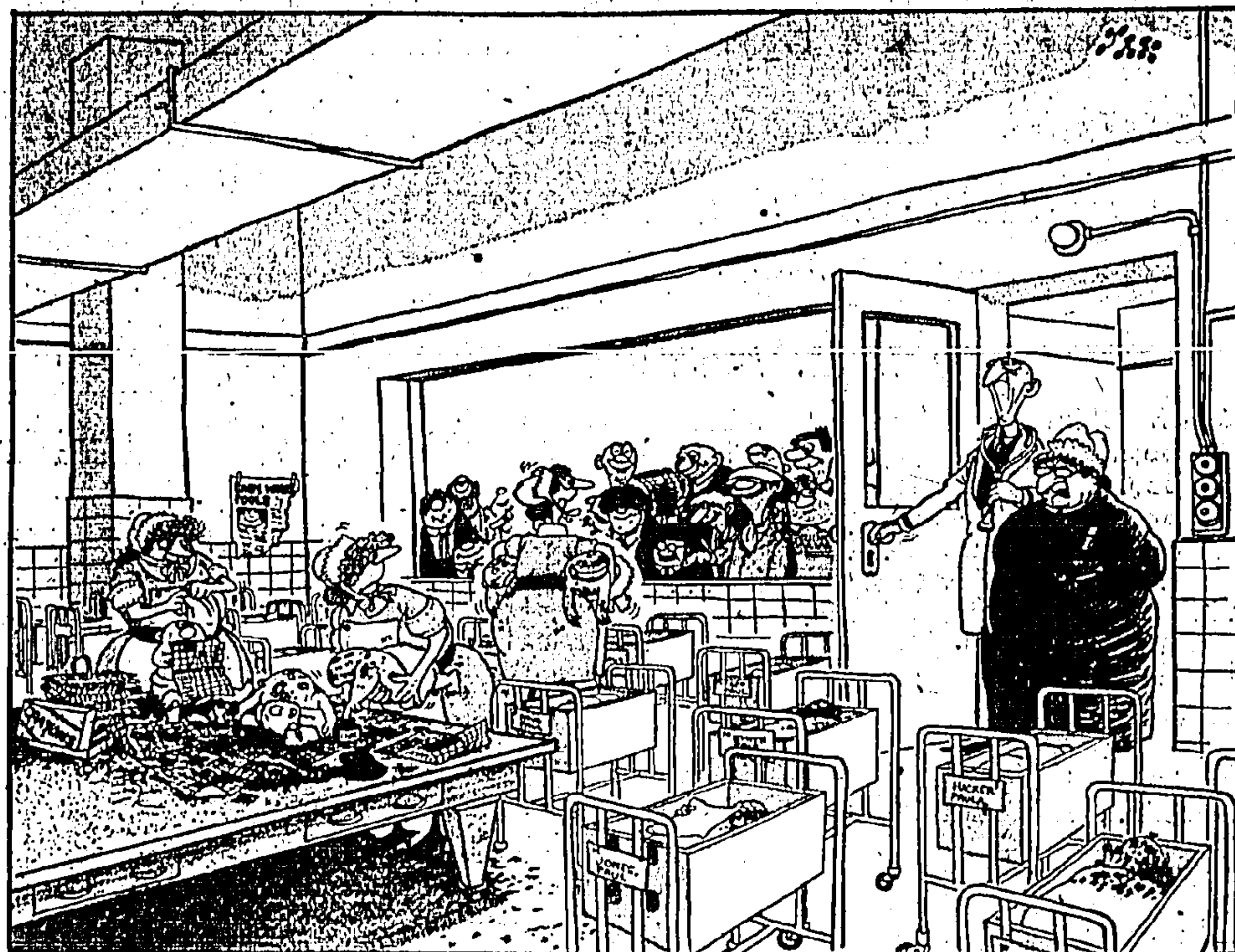
Wealth

If the revolutionaries thought that by distributing the wealth of the court and taking professional salaries they could have remedied the injustices suffered by 20 million people in a few days, let alone 3,000 years, they were wrong.

Meanwhile, Britain might congratulate herself on having, in Mr Denis Wright, a key man in a key post and, for the first time since the war, as good relations with Ethiopia as those of any other of the Great Powers.

—(London Express Service).

BEGINNER'S LUCK BY JAK



'I don't care if the fathers do think it's a dead cert with this mob, nurse — let them fill their own coupons in'

London Express Service.

I PREDICT

WITH THE DAWN OF 1961 A POPULAR CHINA MAIL

FEATURE RETURNS

Its author:
Chapman Pincher



...praised in the House of Commons as "one of the most brilliant journalists of the day and a much more reliable prophet... than the Government or Chiefs of Staff" (by Mr Anthony Greenwood).

already claim ownership of the island for tracking satellites and monitoring Russian rocket trials in the Pacific.

I PREDICT that the U.S. will shock the bomb enthusiasts by resuming atomic weapons tests, and that Russia will follow suit—for two reasons:—

ONE: International agreement to suspend tests will prove unattainable because the U.S. will continue to insist that any East-West agreement will automatically become void unless Red China honours it. The Chinese will repudiate this because it would prevent them from ever becoming a nuclear power unless Mr Khrushchev gave them independent nuclear weapons, which he will not do.

I PROPHESY that Mr Khrushchev will make repeated overtures to Chancellor Adenauer, offering him union with East Germany and a settlement of the Berlin problem if he will quit Nato.

The Russian purpose? To induce the Americans to withdraw from Europe on the grounds that they are being deserted by their allies.

BRILLIANT Medical Research Council work

on chromosomes—the microscopic units in living cells through which characters are passed from generation to generation—will provide the first productive lead to the cause of the blood disorder leukemia and possibly to forms of cancer.

IN 1961, Britain will see the first road trials of a fuel-saving device called the "Gyrocax," which will have wide application to trucks and buses.

Energy normally wasted in braking will be used to make a heavy flywheel spin faster. Then

the flywheel will be used to restart the vehicle.

I PREDICT that spy-in-the-sky satellites will NOT this year or next provide the detailed information on ground installations yielded by U-2 flights.

Because of this, U.S. air chiefs will try to induce President Kennedy to restart flights over Russia.

Kremlin reaction to such a move would be especially violent because it would give the Chinese the chance to return to the ideological battle they have just lost to Mr Khrushchev in Moscow.

They would claim that he was wrong to reject the old Communist belief that war with Capitalism is inevitable. They would say that the spy-flights are proof that the U.S. is preparing for such a war.

BRITISH doctors will smother the commercial move to market anti-fertility pills for women who wish to limit the size of their families.

The Government has already put the issue into their hands by making the pills available on medical prescription only. Few family doctors believe that the pills can be taken regularly for years without risk of ill effects.

I PREDICT that Nasser will provide the Russians with staging posts for aircraft in Egypt so that Mr K. can intensify his intrusions into Africa.

FORECAST that doctors and scientists will intensify their campaign to secure the prosecution of the motorist who drinks and drives—whether he drives dangerously or not—and will have some success.

I PREDICT that in a "set piece" demonstration the Americans will succeed in shooting down an incoming ballistic rocket using an atomic-headed guided missile.

But this will not much impress the Russians, who know that in a surprise mass-attack almost all their missiles would get through.

I PREDICT that neither the U.S. nor Russia will succeed in putting a man into orbit and recovering him alive in 1961.

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El Boag asks:

Do you know about the "invisible" death on the Colony roads?

DO you realise the danger you are in every time you follow a smoke-pumping diesel vehicle along one of the Colony's roads?

Do you know that in the visible smoke there is an invisible threat of death—of cancer, of damage to the throat and lungs?

Almost every day there are additions to the already considerable fleet of diesel-powered vehicles in Hongkong and with every new arrival there is a potential new risk.

Make no mistake about it, the diesel engine has come to stay. It is an efficient unit in its conception and provided it is maintained in its designed form and is used as it was intended to be used it constitutes no more of a hazard than its conventional petrol counterpart. The threat to health and life is usually man-made, either by deliberate tampering with the mechanism, driving the machine beyond its planned limits of load or speed or by sheer mechanical neglect.

The hidden danger is in the unnecessary smoke released when unscrupulous drivers interfere with the built-in governor in order to coax a few extra miles per hour from their machine.

Too many

The danger is present too when the loading capacity of the vehicle is exceeded and the engine is asked to perform a mechanical task greater than that for which it was designed and, of course, it develops when an overworked vehicle is neglected, denied proper maintenance, and when worn parts are not replaced as soon as they should be.

This is no crankish fairy tale. If you travel very far along the Colony's roads as motorist, cyclist and pedestrian, or even if you just stand at the roadside and watch—particularly if you take up your stance near one of the motor testing grounds—the belching black smoke will soon have you reaching for your handkerchief.

These ominous clouds pollute the atmosphere all around.

From their cily black waves come the deadliest of poisons. No doubt you've felt the simpler effects—that burning irritation in the throat, that hacking cough and, when you've had a real lungful, that thumping chest and splitting headache.

Next time you are on the roads keep an eye open for the diesel vehicles. You can be surprised how many there are. Unless they are well looked after and properly handled they can become a health hazard greater than many people think and certainly greater than many others are willing to admit.

Some of the most brilliant scientific brains in the United Kingdom have been actively engaged in seeking a practical solution to the problem.

One of the most serious aspects of the 'invisible death', as it has been called, is that science has not yet identified all the chemicals in the now-days familiar black oily diesel smoke, but they have found to their alarm that it definitely contains 3.4 benz-pyrene a known cause of cancer.

August and progressive organisations like the Automobile Association and the Royal Automobile Club have been actively and willingly assisting the men who are probing the diesel drama. The search for the full truth about the diesel health hazard is also going on in Europe, in Africa and in the United States of America.

Many animals have died in the tests and trials now going on interrupted in many parts of the world. One famous Harley-street specialist was recently reported to have said that a single burst of diesel smoke was as dangerous as ten thousand cigarettes, and he also gave it as his opinion that it is a significant factor in the current rise in lung cancer.

If diesel smoke is a dangerous hazard in the wide open spaces of the world surely it

is a pressing problem in this tight little overcrowded community of ours.

Next time you see one of these heavily-loaded lorries struggling up a hill, belching black smoke as it goes, think seriously of the threat to YOUR health that lurks unseen in those curling clouds and then ask yourself the big question: "What should Hongkong do about this danger in the diesel fumes?"

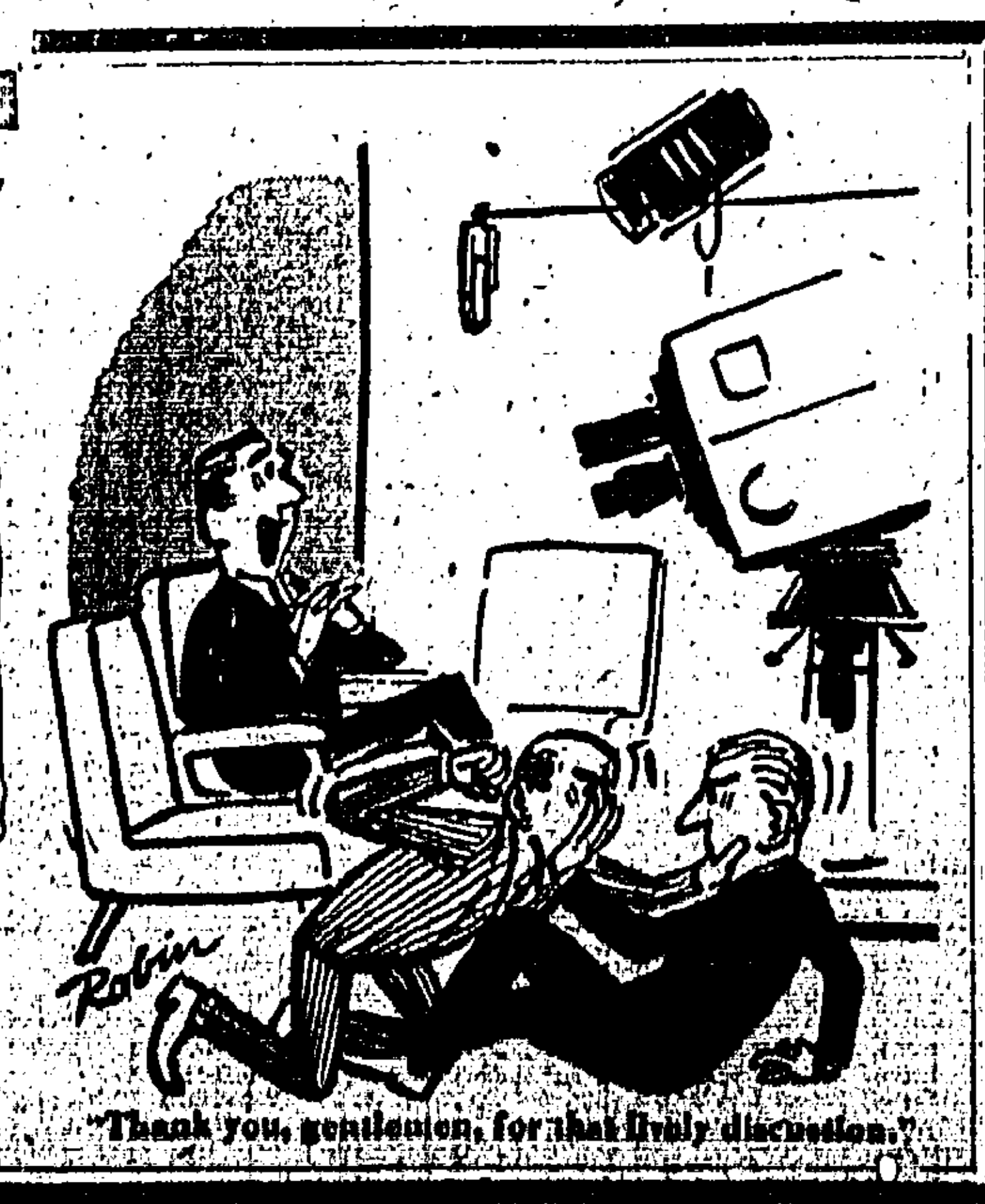
Should it legislate, tolerate or eliminate this latest edition of death on the roads?

What would you do?

Cartoons



"I know you're off duty, dear, but it's what people will think."



"Thank you, gentlemen, for that lively discussion."

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Hongkong's New Year traffic toll ONE DEAD, 18 HURT ON ROADS

European among list of injured

An old woman was killed and 18 people were injured in ten traffic accidents yesterday's New Year's Day, in Hongkong.

The old woman, Yu Chung-jai, 74, was knocked down by a goods van as she was walking on the road near No. 244 Shanghai-street about 7.30 pm. Another serious accident occurred at 2 pm on the Tai-po-road near Sheung Shui when a private car overturned. Eye-witnesses at the scene said that the private car was trying to avoid collision with a sports car driven at high speed by a European.

Three occupants of the private car were injured. Another accident occurred in Tai-po-road at 5 pm. Four passengers of a private car were injured as the car in which they were travelling towards Kowloon collided with the hillside. Mr G. E. Howling, of 120 Macdonnell-road, was injured when the car he was driving ran into the hillside near the police barracks in Kennedy-road early yesterday morning. He was admitted to Matilda Hospital where his condition was said to be satisfactory this morning.

He told the China Mail that he was only slightly injured and was able to move around this morning. Another passenger in the car was sent to another hospital. The accident occurred at 6 am.

HISTORIC LETTERS

Singapore, Dec. 31. Letters written over 180 years ago by the founder of Penang, Sir Francis Light, will be on show during the first international conference of Southeast Asian historians, it was announced today. The letters were recently discovered and were written between 1774 and 1788. The collection of Light's letters was previously unknown and was discovered by the Thai Director of the Bangkok National Museum.—AFP.

Kingston, Jan. 1. More than a hundred people have been made homeless, and damage estimated at over £120,000 has been caused in a series of fires here in the last two days. The worst blaze, the biggest of the year, was at a warehouse and stores.—Reuters.



Airline executives leave for talks

Managers from two Air-India International stations in the Far East and another from Australia left by Air-India International for Bombay on New Year's Day for an annual conference at the airline's headquarters there.

The three senior Air-India International officials were Mr R. N. Kaul, of Hongkong; Mr A. F. Pinto, of Australia; Mr M. J. Nampora, of Japan. According to Mr Kaul, the annual meeting would last one week during which final arrangements for the inaugural flight of the airline's Boeing 707 Rolls-Royce powered services to include Hongkong and Tokyo from Bombay would be discussed.

Mr Kaul revealed also that the meeting would also discuss problems in connection with Air-India International's plans of expanding their international services in 1962. Mrs Kaul accompanied her husband on the trip.

'Chinese want to befriend Africans'

Three youths from Somalia, land left for Mogadishu, the capital of the new African republic, by Air-India International on New Year's Day after a trip to China which lasted one month.

The youths were in China at the invitation of the Chinese Federation of Youths.

According to Mr A. H. Mao, leader of the group, the Chinese "knew the youths are very desirous of making friends with Africans."

Mr Mao said: "We found the Chinese people very hospitable to us."

Mr Mao, who is the Chairman of the Somali Federation of Youths, said his country has 29 students studying in China.

There are the first Somali students to go to China, Mr Mao said. He added that "in the very near future, this figure will be increased to 60."

Other members of the group were: Mr M. N. Adde and Mr M. H. Herzi.

For more than 200 people in squatter huts in Sham-shui-po, New Year's morning 1961, will remain perhaps the most memorable of their lives. The picture above shows what the flames left after they ravaged their ramshackle homes at 3 in the morning. A few charred beams, sheets of galvanised iron, planks of wood, rubble and a stream of muddy water made this tragic scene yesterday morning. (See full story and picture P1)

Anniversary of Nationalist China

The 50th anniversary of Nationalist China was celebrated yesterday at the Labour Building Hall by the Hongkong and Kowloon Trade Union Council. The history of the republic was outlined by Mr Fan Hong-wing, Chairman of the Kowloon Motor Bus Workers' General Union.

About 200 representatives of different affiliated unions of the Council attended the meeting.

Photographic competition winners—

More than 1,000 entries were sent in for the 18th Exhibition of Hongkong Products photography competition.

Prize-winners were: Mr Tam Ning (Entrance Gate); Mr Chung Man-luk (Stall); Mr Tam Ning (Visitors); and Mr Ma Sun-yu (Colour Slide).

Stokowski has operation

New York, Dec. 31. Conductor Leopold Stokowski, yesterday underwent surgery for a fracture of the right hip at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

The hospital said Stokowski's "post-operative condition is excellent." He entered the hospital on Thursday.—AP.

On holiday

Mr. John Van Enige, Sales Manager of Trans-World Airways, left with his family on New Year's Day by Air-India International. Mr Van Enige and family had been in Hongkong on vacation. They were returning to Bangkok.

Business visit

Mr. D. W. Howell, of D. C. Howell (Pty.) Ltd., Salisbury, South Rhodesia, arrived on New Year's Day by Air-India International from the head office on a brief business visit.



New church opens in Shaukiwan

The newly-built Holy Cross Parish Church of Shaukiwan was yesterday blessed by Bishop Lawrence Banchi.

The church, which is perched on a rise at Holy Cross Path, Sai Wan Ho, Shaukiwan, was built with Church funds and contributions. It has a capacity for 1,000.

The Rev. Fr. Thomas Yu, the parish priest of this new church, thanked those who had contributed to the construction of the church.

A pontifical Low Mass followed the blessing of the church.

GOVERNOR HELPS TUG-OF-WAR TEAM TO VICTORY

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, joined in the fun when he attended the KCC's 47th annual children's sports yesterday afternoon.

In the above picture he is seen, urging on a tug-of-war team which he led to victory. Sir Robert and Lady Black arrived at the Club House half way through the afternoon. They were welcomed by the President, Mr R. E. Lee, and Mrs Lee and were then taken on a tour of the sportsground and the clubhouse. Sir Robert tried his hand at lawn bowls and both he and Lady Black tried for the bull's eye on the dart board.

Carol Festival at Cathedral

A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Christmas Carols was held at St John's Cathedral yesterday evening in place of Evensong.

The service was attended by the Governor, Sir Robert Black, who also read the ninth lesson.

Scouts hold open day

Victoria District Scouts yesterday held an open day for follow-up scouts, parents and relatives at the Scout Hall, Sheung Shui, New Territories. The open day was held from 10 am to 4 pm. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lee, Scoutmaster, and Mrs. Lee, Scoutmistress, were in charge. The day was a success and many thanks were expressed to the parents and relatives who attended.



Miss Anne Munro, Little Miss 1961, waves a big "hello" to a large gathering of New Year revellers at the charity ball held at Shatin Heights Hotel on New Year's eve. Anne was taking part in the Midnight Fantasy. — China Mail photo.



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